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TOWN HALL CALENDAR

Oct. 20: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Oct. 27: Town Council work session (6 p.m.)

Nov. 2: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Nov. 11: TOWN HALL CLOSED (VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY)

Meetings are in the Council Chambers in building B at Town Hall, 900 7th Ave. Town Council regular meetings are recorded and broadcast (not live) on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).



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Among those in the accreditation team for Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources were (clockwise from top left) Jack Baldwin, Marcelle Williams, Debbie Dunn, Kendrick Mayes, Rodney Dickerson, Sonya Shaw and Rob Smith.

PRCR Latest Department to Receive Accreditation

Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) has joined the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association. This distinguished honor was awarded Sept. 14 during the 2015 NRPA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

Garner PRCR is the ninth department in North Carolina to receive this recognition. The Town's three largest operational departments—Police,

Public Works and PRCR—are now all nationally accredited.

What's more, the Town of Garner is now the only jurisdiction in the United States to have nationally accredited police, public works and parks and recreation departments or agencies, and to have earned All-America City status at least once since 2000.

"It is certainly an honor to know that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is operating at the highest standards of the profession,"

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A Message from the Mayor



You can watch the mayor's award-winning "Great People in Garner" on demand at youtube.com/townofgarner.

Reviewing this edition of the newsletter, I couldn't help but notice how lucky we are to have such competent and committed professionals working for the Town of Garner.



The national accreditation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department—coming on

the heels of similar accreditation of the Public Works and Police departments—certainly underscores

my point. So does the news (also contained in this newsletter) of other awards and achievements by Town staff and key service partners. The honors and recognitions of Town staff just keep rolling in—we'll have news about more of them next month.

All in all, it just makes me so proud to be able to serve as your mayor. I know I can say with the utmost confidence that our staff provide superior service to the citizens of our All-America City.

Further evidence of that superior service is the way Town staff worked with Wake County Public Libraries to ensure that Garner would have more or less continuous library service even while Southeast Regional Library undergoes renovations starting at the end of this month. I'm excited to see what the new and improved Southeast Regional Library looks like when it reopens next spring.

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Assistant Town Manager-Operations Rodney Dickerson said.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies. It is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

As part of the accreditation process, Garner PRCR had to demonstrate compliance with 151 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. Often the process helps identify efficiencies and heighten areas of accountability, all of which translate into higher quality service and operation to benefit the community.

"It is a privilege to work with a fine group of professionals who display the dedication and commitment shown by PRCR Director Sonya Shaw and her team," Town Manager Hardin Watkins said. "To receive the highest national honor possible in the parks and recreation field speaks volumes about the Town's and this department's commitment to quality and excellence."

The process for accreditation involves a formal application, self-assessments, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the standards by submitting an annual report and is reviewed again in five years.

For more information about CAPRA accreditation, visit nrpa.org/CAPRA.

Public Works Supervisor Honored by State Group

Tyson Langdon last month received the Fleet Manager of the Year Award from the Equipment Services Division of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Public Works Association. He was selected by the Division



Board of Directors from nominations received around the state.

Langdon manages fleet and facility maintenance operations for the Town as the Public Works Department's services supervisor. He began his tenure with the Town in April 2010 as lead fleet mechanic and was promoted to his current position as services supervisor a year later. The services supervisor is responsible for managing Public Works' fleet and facility maintenance units through a lead technician in each area.



Trick-or-Treat the Trails Set for Oct. 30

Put on your costumes for Trick-or-Treat the Trails at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) **Friday, Oct. 30** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trick-or-treat your way around our one-mile loop trail and collect treats from local community organizations and businesses at this free, family-friendly event.

This year, over 70 local businesses and organizations will be handing out treats.

An adult must accompany children at all times. Pets are not permitted (exceptions are made for service animals). General parking will be across the street at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffalo Road). Vendor and handicap parking will be at White Deer Park.



Trick-or-Treat the Trails at White Deer Park has become a popular Halloween tradition among pint-sized superheroes in the Garner area.



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The award-winning Towne Players of Garner are back with their production of the comedy "Lend Me a Tenor." Performances at Garner Performing Arts Center (742 W. Garner Road) are set for **Oct. 16-17 and 23-24 at 8 p.m.** There will also be matinees on **Oct. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 for adults and are available at the door. For more information, visit towneplayers.org.

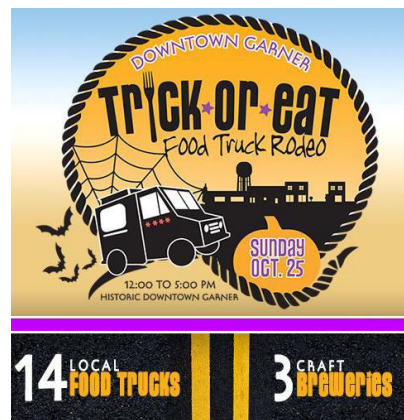
Food Truck Rodeo Returns

Last year's wildly popular Trick-or-Eat food truck rodeo is back. This year it's happening on **Sunday, Oct. 25** from noon to 5 p.m. on Main Street in historic downtown Garner. The lineup is as follows:

14 food trucks: Backyard Bistro, OMG Chicken, Gussy's Greek Street Food, Hibachi Xpress, Dusty Donuts, Jam Ice Cream, CJ's Street Food, American Meltdown, D'Burritos, King's Authentic Philly Cheesesteak, Barone, Pho Nomenal Dumpling Truck, Thai Box Zing and Ty's All Natural.

3 craft beer breweries: Double Barrel, Deep River and Fortnight.

Parking and admission are free. Main Street will be closed between Rand Mill Road and Montague Street from about 10 a.m. until the end of the event. Learn more about the event—including directions and



parking information—at downtown-garner.com/trick-or-eat.htm.

Please note that this is not a trick-or-treating event for the little ones. For that, come on out to Trick-or-Treat the Trails at White Deer Park on Oct. 30 (see above).

Trick-or-Eat is sponsored by the Garner Revitalization Association.



Library Shuttering Soon for Renovations

The Southeast Regional Library in Garner will close on Saturday, Oct. 24 for renovations. The library is being refurbished with carpet, paint, lighting, new furnishings and an updated floor plan. It is anticipated that the library branch will reopen by May 1, 2016.

The current Garner police station at 900 7th Ave. will serve as the temporary location for the branch during renovation. This facility will become available for library use when construction of the new police station is completed and the library can upfit and move furniture into the old police station—most likely around early December.

That means there will be continued library service in Garner for all but about five or six weeks during the



The Wake County Southeast Regional Library on Seventh Avenue in Garner will undergo renovations starting in late October.

renovation. This maintained level of service was the result of stellar cooperation between the Town of Garner and Wake County Public Libraries.

The temporary library in the old police station will offer program-

ming for young children, a browsing collection for all ages, some public computers, a book request service and a book return. Hours of operation for the temporary facility will be Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Until the temporary facility is available, library users are encouraged to visit any of the other 19 library locations within the Wake County Public Libraries system.

The closest full-service libraries to Southeast Regional Library are Cameron Village Regional Library and East Regional Library in Knightdale.

The library renovation is part of the 2007 Wake County Capital Improvement Plan.

GPD Officer Graduates from FBI Academy

Garner Police Lt. Joe Binns was one of 225 law enforcement officers from around the world to graduate from the most recent session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Va.



The prestigious program offers 10 weeks of advanced communications, leadership and fitness training for selected officers who have proven records as superior professionals within their agencies.

Binns has been with the Garner Police Department for over 22 years. He has served many positions in the department, including D.A.R.E. officer, investigator, public information officer/training coordinator, patrol supervisor and, currently, lieutenant in charge of Support Services (traffic safety, crime prevention, school resource officers and animal control).

GVFR Documentary Wins National Award

The Town of Garner and PEG Media Partners last month won a national Award of Excellence from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association for "Inside the Garner Fire Department," a 30-minute documentary that offers a behind-the-scenes look at Garner Volunteer Fire-Rescue, Inc. The award category was one-time special programming for jurisdictions with population 55,000 or under.

The documentary was filmed, directed and edited by PEG Media Partners' Adam Carroll. Carroll previously earned statewide honors for his work on Mayor Ronnie Williams' "Great People in Garner," a documentary on the Garner Police Department and Garner's All-America City video featuring Scotty McCreery.

"Inside the Garner Fire Department" airs regularly on GTV11 and can be watched on demand at youtube.com/townofgarner. PEG Media Partners provides video content and operations to the Town of Garner.



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